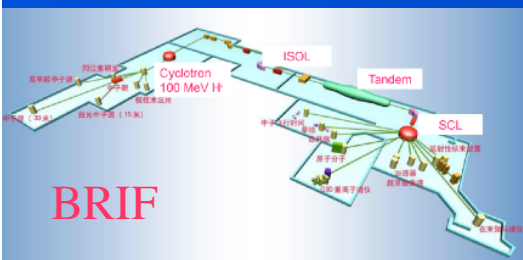


# Microscopic Nuclear Structure Theory – Case Study

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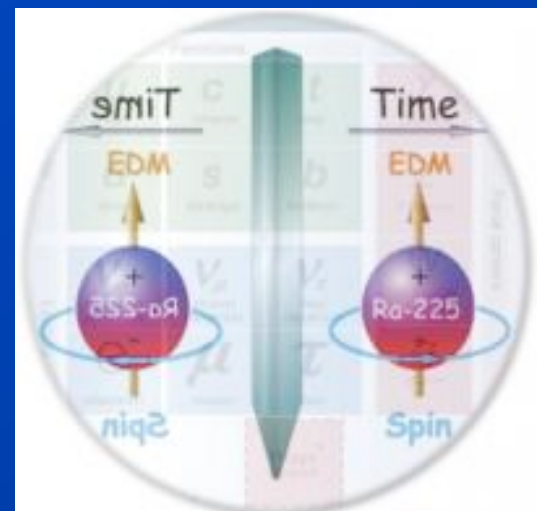
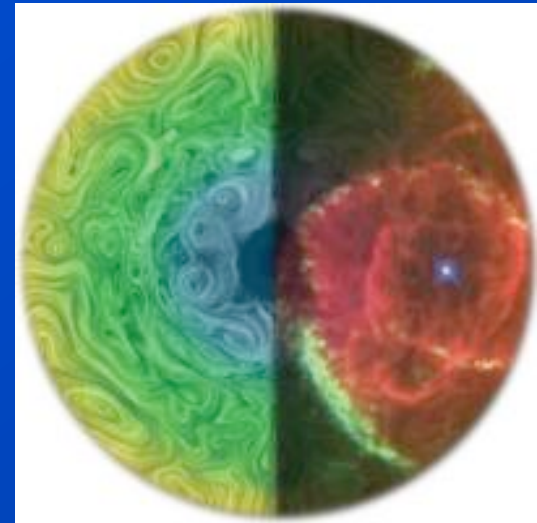
## The Overarching Questions

- How did visible matter come into being and how does it evolve?
- How does subatomic matter organize itself and what phenomena emerge?
- Are the fundamental interactions that are basic to the structure of matter fully understood?
- How can the knowledge and technological progress provided by nuclear physics best be used to benefit society?

- NRC Decadal Study

## The Time Scale

- Protons and neutrons formed  $10^{-6}$  to 1 second after Big Bang (13.7 billion years ago)
- H, D, He, Li, Be, B formed 3-20 minutes after Big Bang
- Other elements born over the next 13.7 billion years



## Overarching Problem

### Main hypothesis

If the Standard Model is correct, we should be able to accurately describe all nuclear processes

### Long-term goal

Use all fundamental interactions including yet-to-be-discovered interactions to construct a model for the evolution of the entire universe

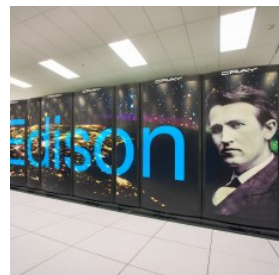
### Requirements

Major progress with basic theory, algorithms and supercomputer simulations

## Fundamental questions of nuclear physics => discovery potential

- What controls nuclear saturation?
- How shell and collective properties emerge from the underlying theory?
- What are the properties of nuclei with extreme neutron/proton ratios?
- Can we predict useful cross sections that cannot be measured?
- Can nuclei provide precision tests of the fundamental laws of nature?
- Can we solve QCD to describe hadronic structures and interactions?

Edison



+ K-super.  
+ Blue Waters  
+ TianHe II  
+ Tachyon-II





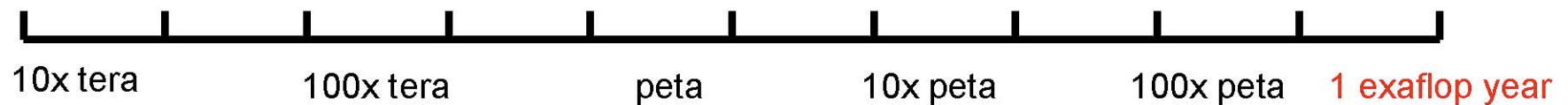
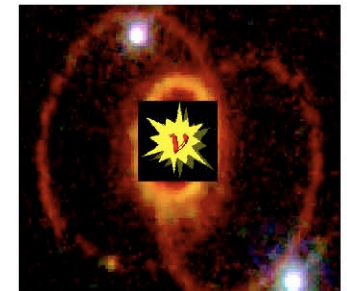
$0\nu \beta\beta$  rates for  $^{76}\text{Ge}$  predicted

$0\nu \beta\beta$  rates for  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  predicted

CI-shell model  
& QRPA validated

$\nu + ^{12}\text{C}$   
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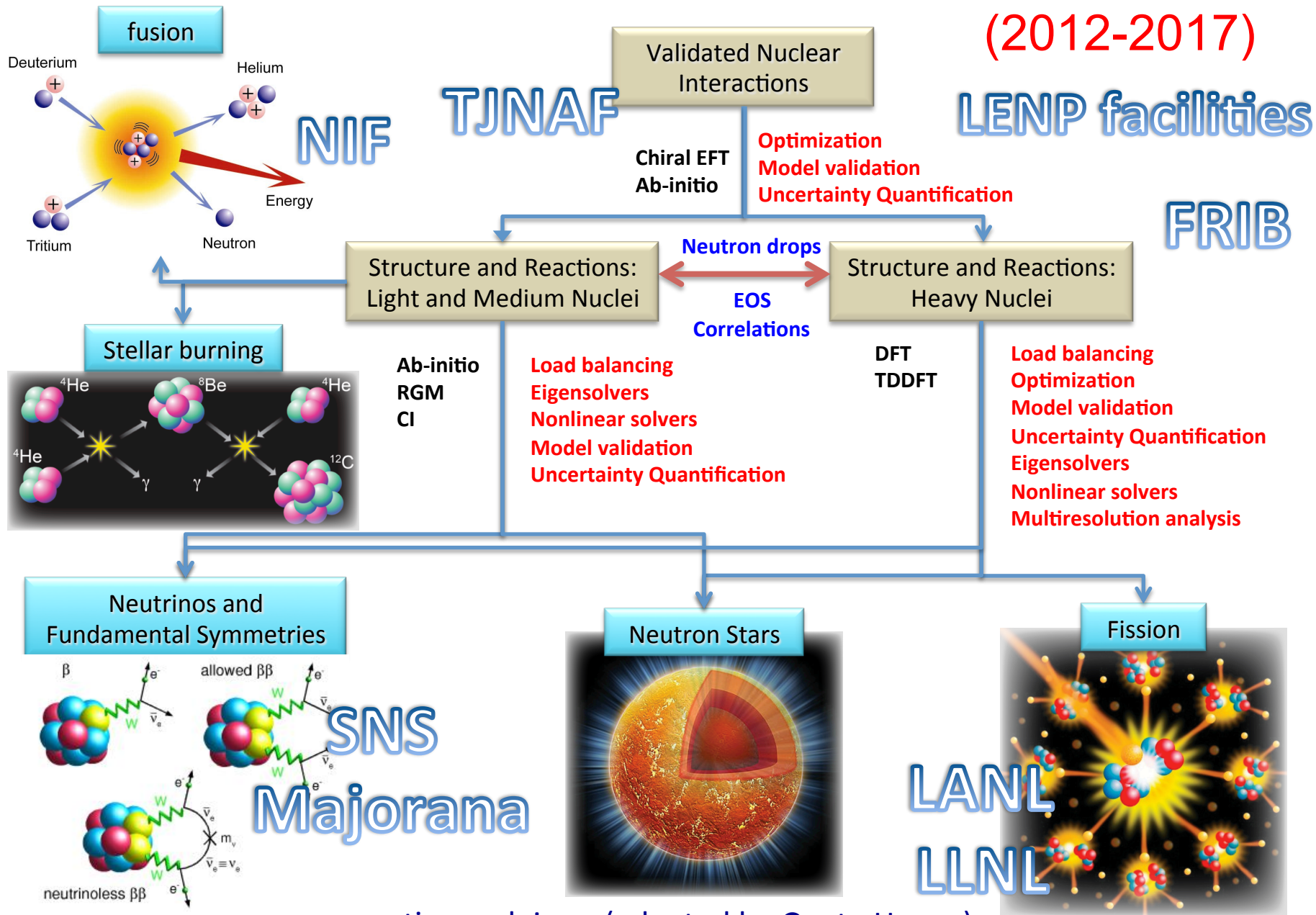
$0\nu \beta\beta$  effective operator  
methods validated





# NUclear Computational Low-Energy Initiative

(2012-2017)



## Next Generation Nuclear Hamiltonians:

Pionful Chiral EFT = Fully consistent through N<sup>3</sup>LO (LENPIC)

Deltaful Chiral EFT = R. Machleidt

Strange Chiral EFT = ?

$V_{\text{eff}}$  from LQCD = NPLQCD (M. Savage, et al)

Each puts major demands on the many-body theory

Growing demands => larger collaborating teams, growing computational resources,  
Increase in the multi-disciplinary character (SciDAC), . . .

# Calculation of three-body forces at N<sup>3</sup>LO

Low  
Energy  
Nuclear  
Physics  
International  
Collaboration



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## Goal

Calculate matrix elements of 3NF in a partial-wave decomposed form which is suitable for different few- and many-body frameworks

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## Challenge

Due to the large number of matrix elements, the calculation is extremely expensive.

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## Strategy

Develop an efficient code which allows to treat arbitrary local 3N interactions.  
(Krebs and Hebeler)



# The Nuclear Many-Body Problem

The many-body Schroedinger equation for bound states consists of  $2\binom{A}{Z}$  coupled second-order differential equations in  $3A$  coordinates using strong (NN & NNN) and electromagnetic interactions.

Successful *ab initio* quantum many-body approaches ( $A > 6$ )



## Comments

All work to preserve and exploit symmetries  
Extensions of each to scattering/reactions are well-underway  
They have different advantages and limitations

## No Core Shell Model

A large sparse matrix eigenvalue problem

$$H = T_{rel} + V_{NN} + V_{3N} + \dots$$

$$H|\Psi_i\rangle = E_i|\Psi_i\rangle$$

$$|\Psi_i\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n^i |\Phi_n\rangle$$

$$\text{Diagonalize } \{\langle \Phi_m | H | \Phi_n \rangle\}$$

- Adopt realistic NN (and NNN) interaction(s) & renormalize as needed - retain induced many-body interactions: **Chiral EFT interactions and JISP16**
- Adopt the 3-D Harmonic Oscillator (HO) for the single-nucleon basis states,  $\alpha, \beta, \dots$
- Evaluate the nuclear Hamiltonian,  $H$ , in basis space of HO (Slater) determinants (manages the bookkeeping of anti-symmetrization)
- Diagonalize this sparse many-body  $H$  in its “m-scheme” basis where  $[\alpha = (n, l, j, m_j, \tau_z)]$

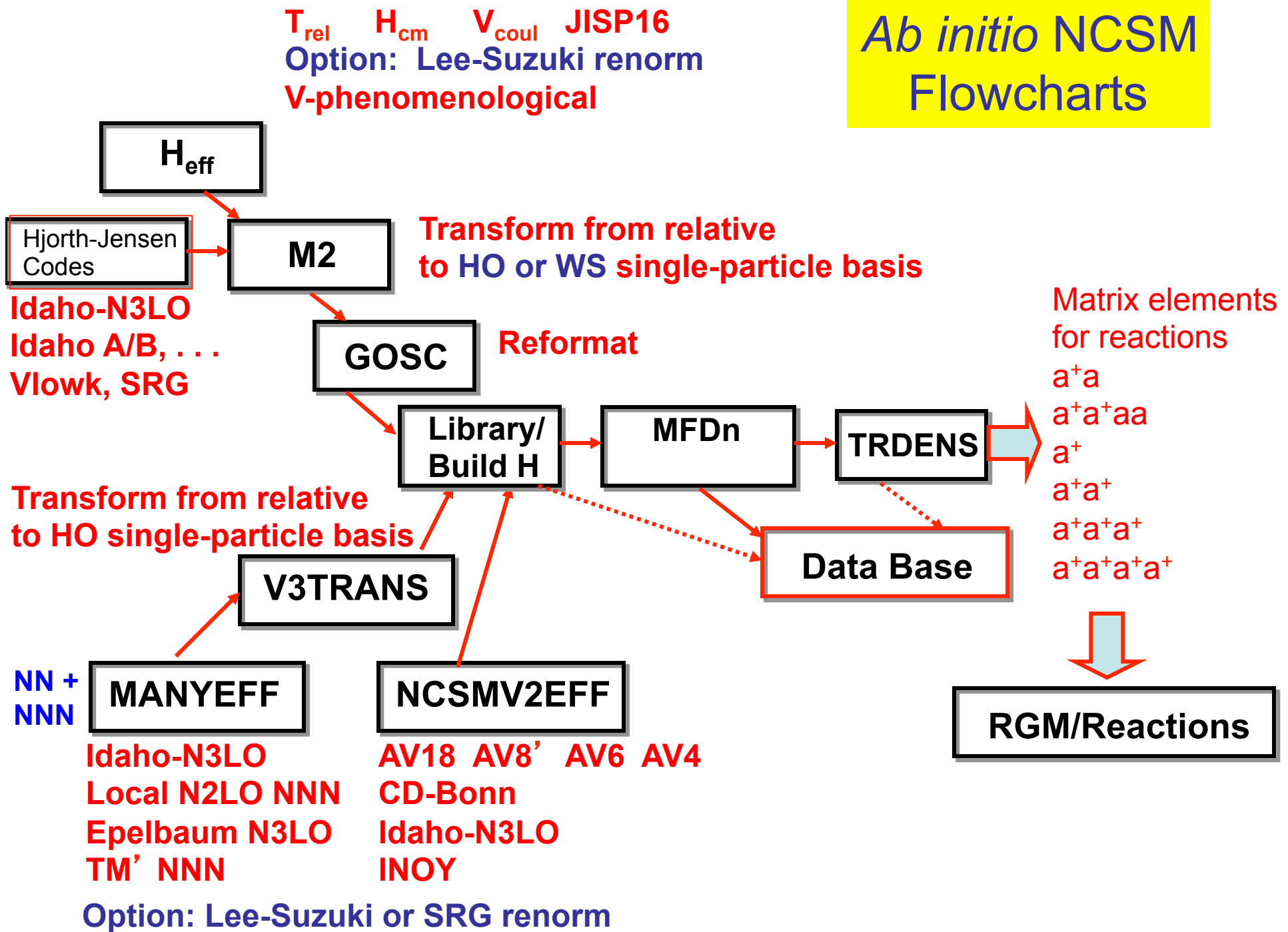
$$|\Phi_n\rangle = [a_{\alpha}^+ \dots a_{\zeta}^+]_n |0\rangle$$
$$n = 1, 2, \dots, 10^{10} \text{ or more!}$$

- Evaluate observables and compare with experiment

### Comments

- Straightforward but computationally demanding => new algorithms/computers
- Requires convergence assessments and extrapolation tools
- Achievable for nuclei up to  $A=16$  (40) today with largest computers available

# Ab initio NCSM Flowcharts





## “Many-Fermion Dynamics – nuclear” or “MFDn”

The primary code we have developed and continue to improve

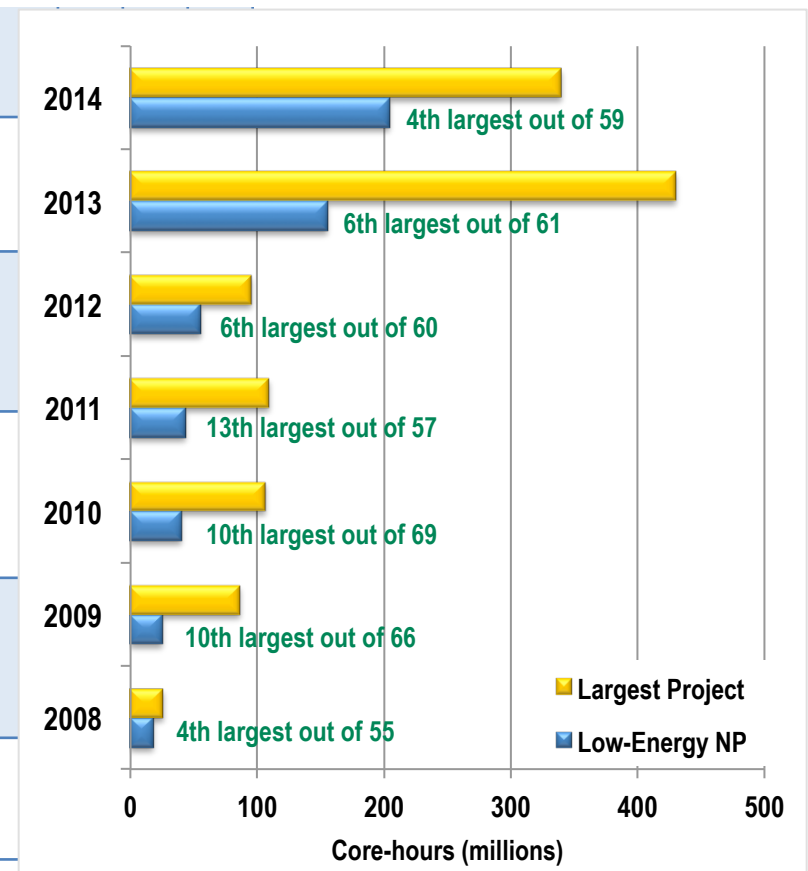
There are 7 major stages of the calculations performed by MFDn:

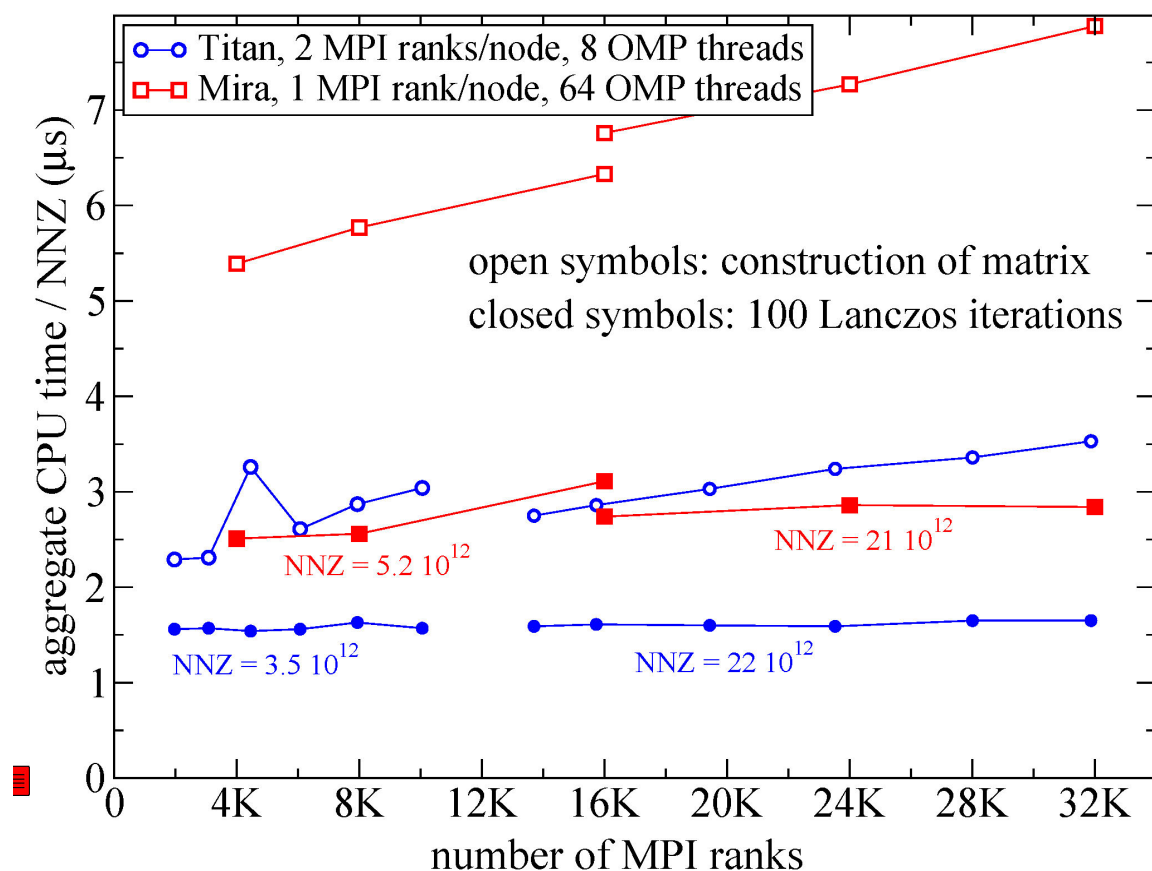
1. Enumerate the many-body basis space according to user-defined criteria
2. Determine the location of non-zero many-body matrix elements in this basis space and hence the number of non-zeroes that must be evaluated for the full Hamiltonian
3. Read in the nucleon-nucleon plus three-nucleon interaction files that define the Hamiltonian
4. Construct and store (partially or fully) the many-body Hamiltonian matrix
5. Perform the Lanczos iterations until either a fixed number of iterations are achieved or a convergence criterium is met. Perform orthonormalization of the Lanczos basis vectors after each iteration.
6. Transform the eigenvectors from the Lanczos basis back to the original basis
7. Use a selected set of the eigenvectors in the original basis to calculate a suite of experimental observables and 1-body density matrices that, optionally, may be stored for reuse later. The option to evaluate and store 2-body density matrices is in the planning stage.

# Low Energy NP Application Areas

Application	Production Run Sizes	Resource	Dense Linear Alg.	Sparse Linear Alg.	Monte Carlo
<b>AGFMC:</b> Argonne Green's Function Monte Carlo	262,144 cores @ 10 hrs	Mira			X
<b>MFDn:</b> Many Fermion Dynamics - nuclear	260K cores @ 4 hrs 500K cores @ 1.33 hrs	Titan Mira		X	
<b>NUCCOR:</b> Nuclear Coupled-Cluster Oak Ridge, m-scheme & spherical	100K cores @ 5 hrs (1 nucleus, multiple parameters)	Titan		X	
<b>DFT Code Suite:</b> Density Functional Theory, mean-field methods	100K cores @ 10 hrs (entire mass table, fission barriers)	Titan	X		
<b>MADNESS:</b> Schroedinger, Lippman-Schwinger and DFT	40,000 cores @ 12 hrs (extreme asymmetric functions)	Titan	X	X	
<b>NCSM_RGM:</b> Resonating Group Method for scattering	98,304 cores @ 8 hrs	Titan	X	X	

- Ab initio Methods (CC, GFMC, NCSM) → pushing the limits to calculate larger nuclei
- Density Functional Theory → reasonable time to solution to calculate the entire mass table





Strong and weak scaling for MFDn on Titan (without GPUs) and on MIRA. Aggregate CPU time per number of nonzero (NNZ) many-body matrix elements versus number of MPI ranks is shown for three test cases labeled by their NNZ values. All cases use 3N forces. One anomaly appears with the spike at 4K MPI ranks.

Note however - what worked well for light nuclei requires development/testing for heavier nuclei.

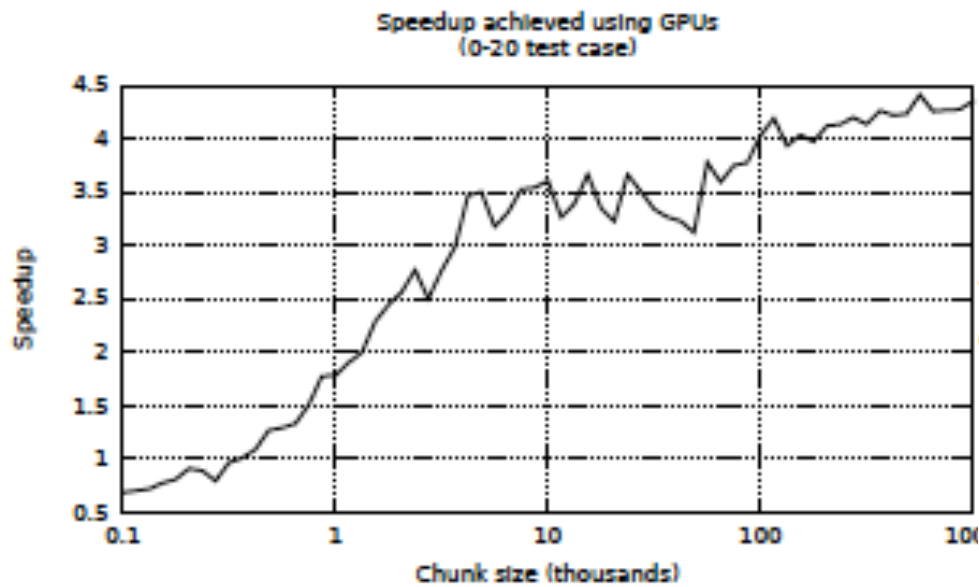


# Leveraging GPUs in Ab Initio Nuclear Physics Calculations

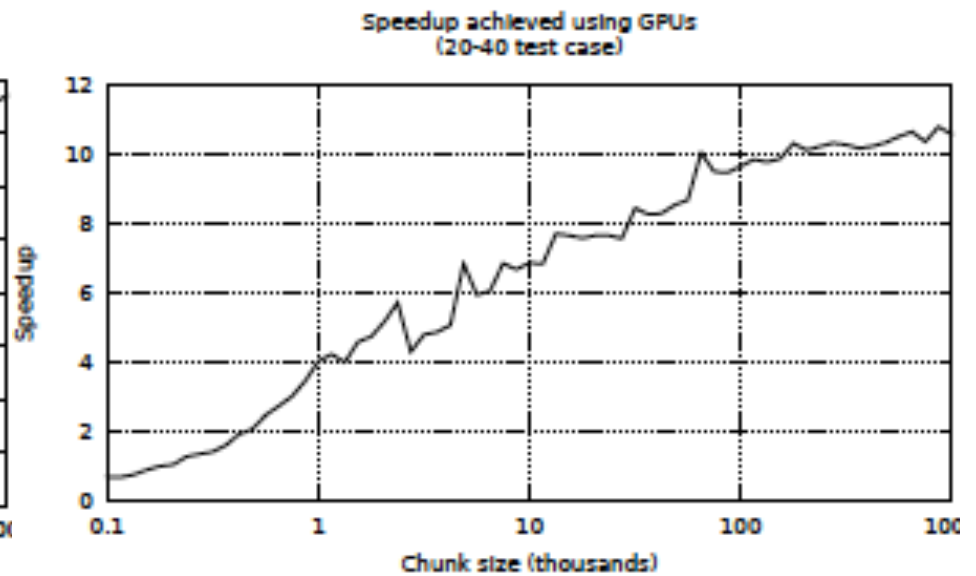
Dossay Oryspayev<sup>\*</sup>, Hugh Potter<sup>†</sup>, Pieter Maris<sup>†</sup>, Masha Sosonkina<sup>\*‡</sup>, James P. Vary<sup>†</sup>, Sven Binder<sup>§</sup>,  
Angelo Calci<sup>§</sup>, Joachim Langhammer<sup>§</sup>, and Robert Roth<sup>§</sup>

IEEE 27th Parallel and Distributed Processing Symposium Workshops & PhD Forum (IPDPSW), 1365 (2013)

Decouple NNN interaction matrix elements from JT-scheme to m-scheme



(a) 0-20 test case



(b) 20-40 test case

The bigger the workload transferred to the GPU, the greater the gain up to a limit

# Scalable Eigensolver for MFDn

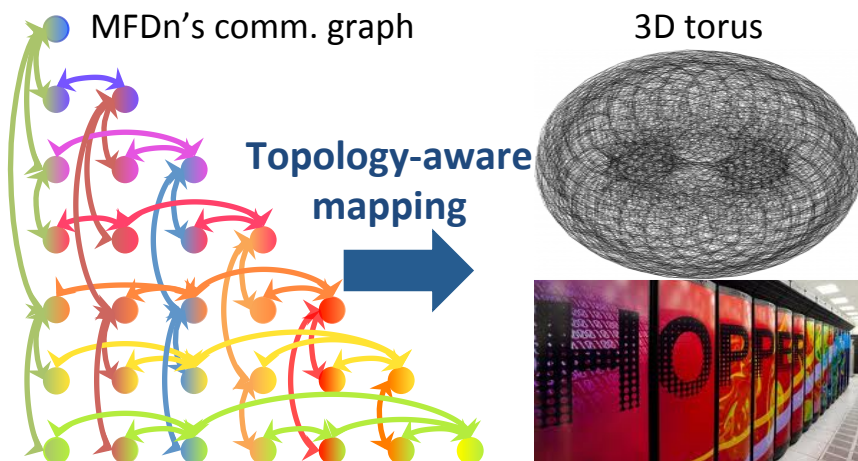
## ASCR/NP – Applied Math/Computer Science Highlight

### Objective

- Efficient and scalable iterative solvers for extreme-scale eigenvalue problems arising in nuclear physics

### Impact

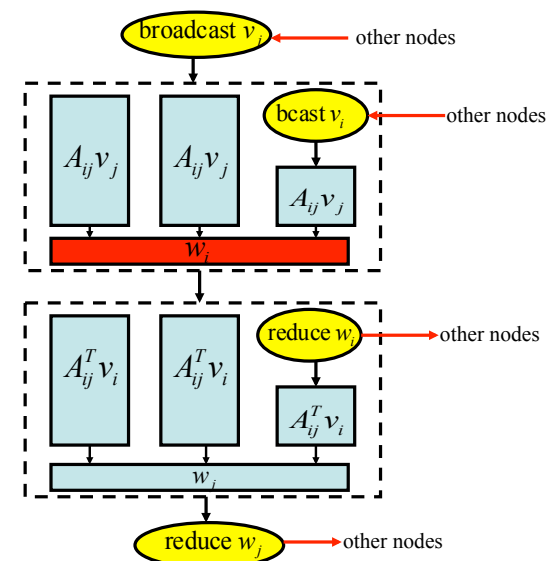
- Drastically reduced communication overheads
- Significant speed-ups over earlier version of MFDn (up to 6x on 18,000 cores)
- Almost perfect strong scaling on up to 260,000 cores on Jaguar



Topology-aware mapping of processes to the physical processors becomes more important as the gap between computational power and bandwidth widens. Communication groups are optimized through a column-major ordering of processes on the triangular grid [1].

### Communication Hiding

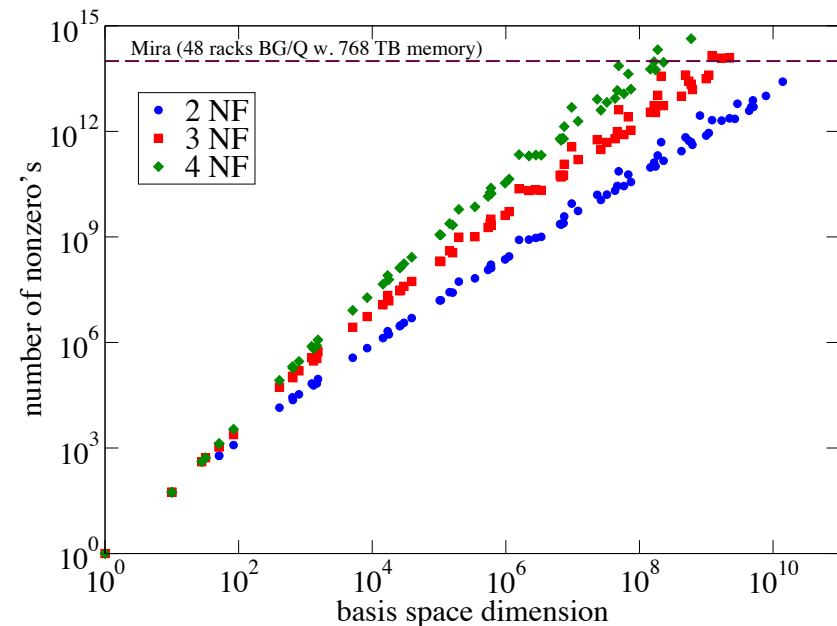
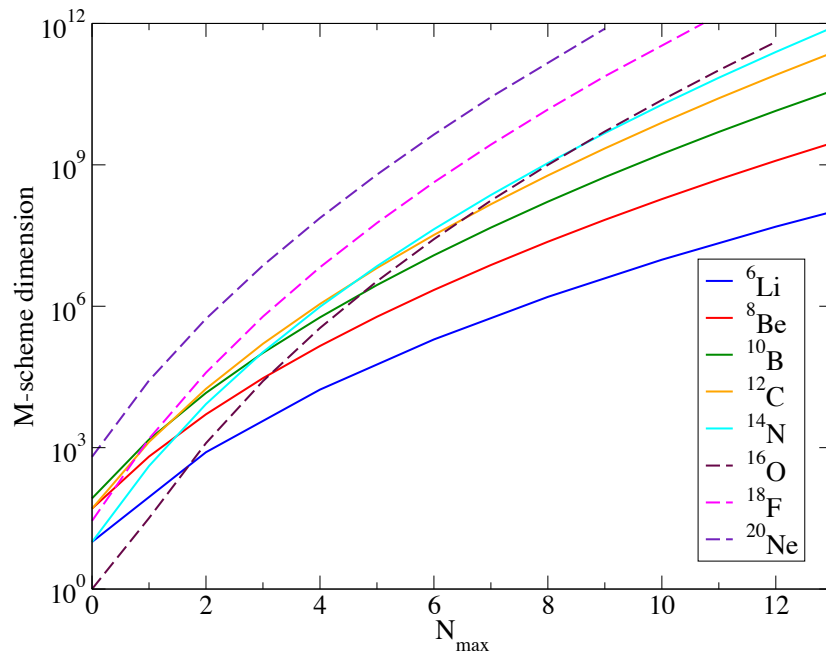
Flow-chart for multi-threaded SpMV computations during the eigensolve phase of MFDn. Expensive communications are overlapped with computations. Explicit communications are carried out over topology-optimized groups [2].



[1] H.M. Aktulga, C. Yang, P. Maris, J.P. Vary, E.G. Ng, "Topology-Aware Mappings for Large-Scale Eigenvalue Problems", Euro-Par 2012 Conference

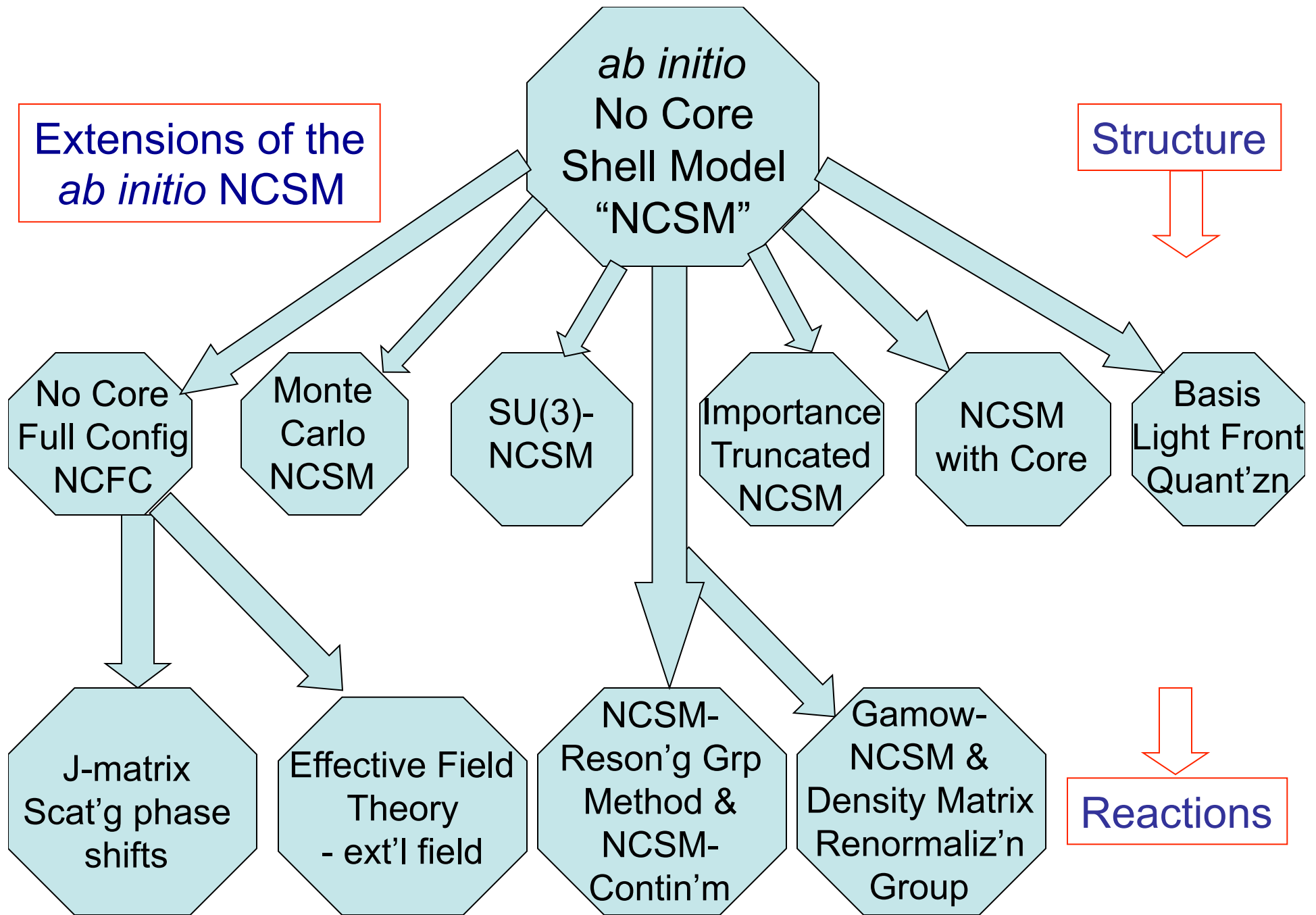
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# Computational challenges of the NCSM – CPU time and Memory to store H

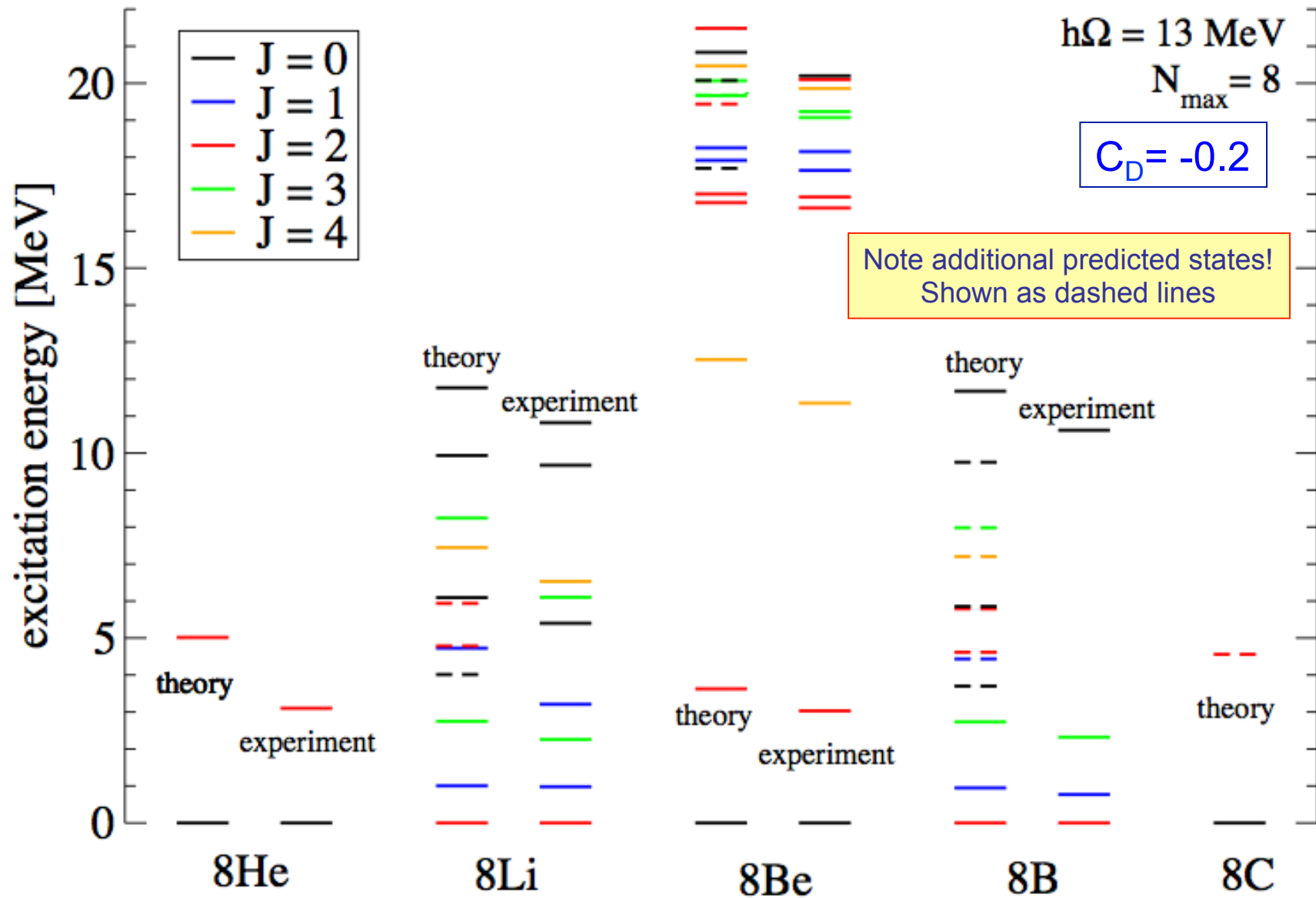


- Increase of basis space dimension with increasing  $A$  and  $N_{\max}$ 
  - need calculations up to at least  $N_{\max} = 8$  for meaningful extrapolation and numerical error estimates
- More relevant measure for computational needs
  - number of nonzero matrix elements
  - current limit  $10^{13}$  to  $10^{14}$  (Hopper, Edison, Jaguar/Titan, Mira)

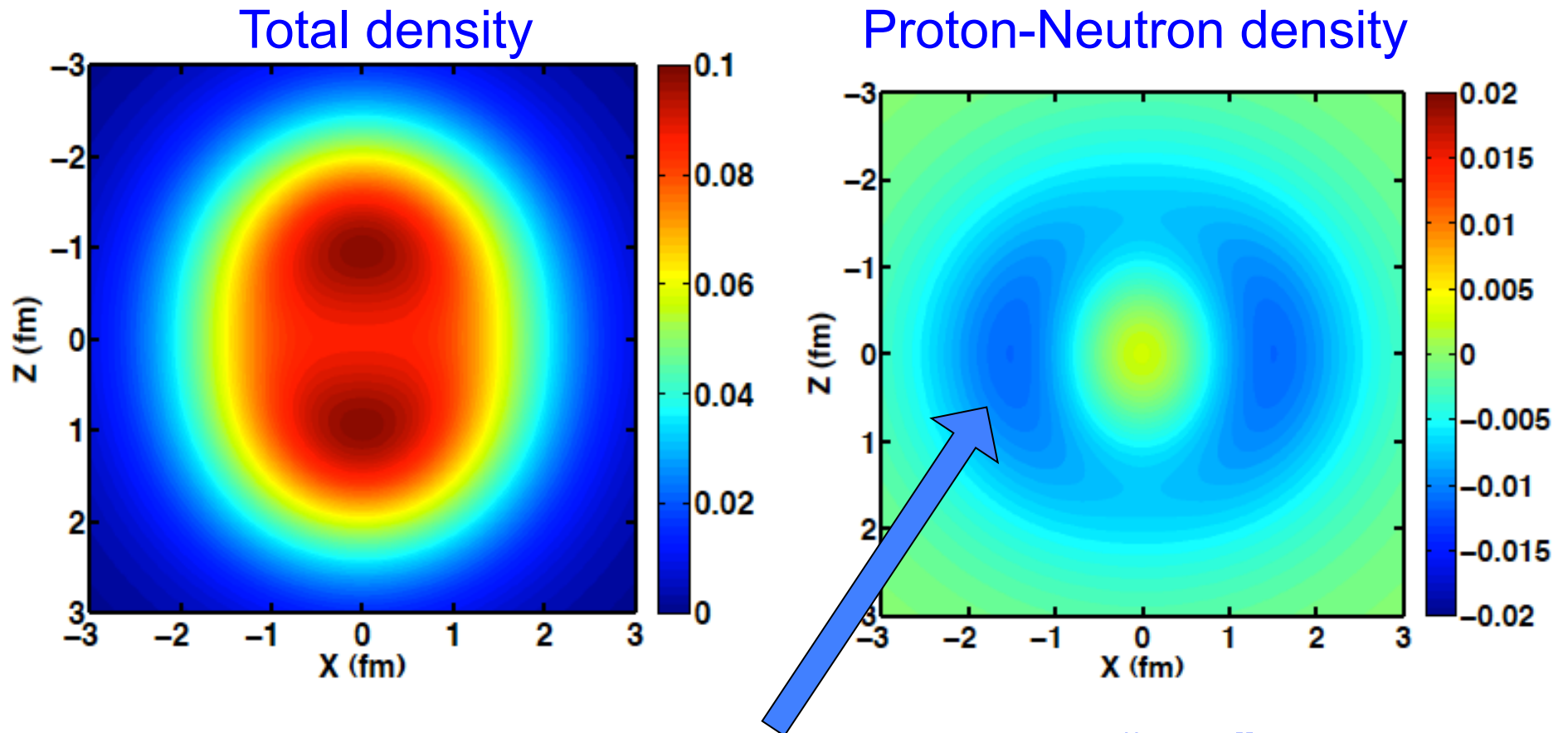




spectrum A=8 nuclei with N3LO 2-body + N2LO 3-body



$^9\text{Be}$  Translationally invariant gs density  
Full 3D densities = rotate around the vertical axis



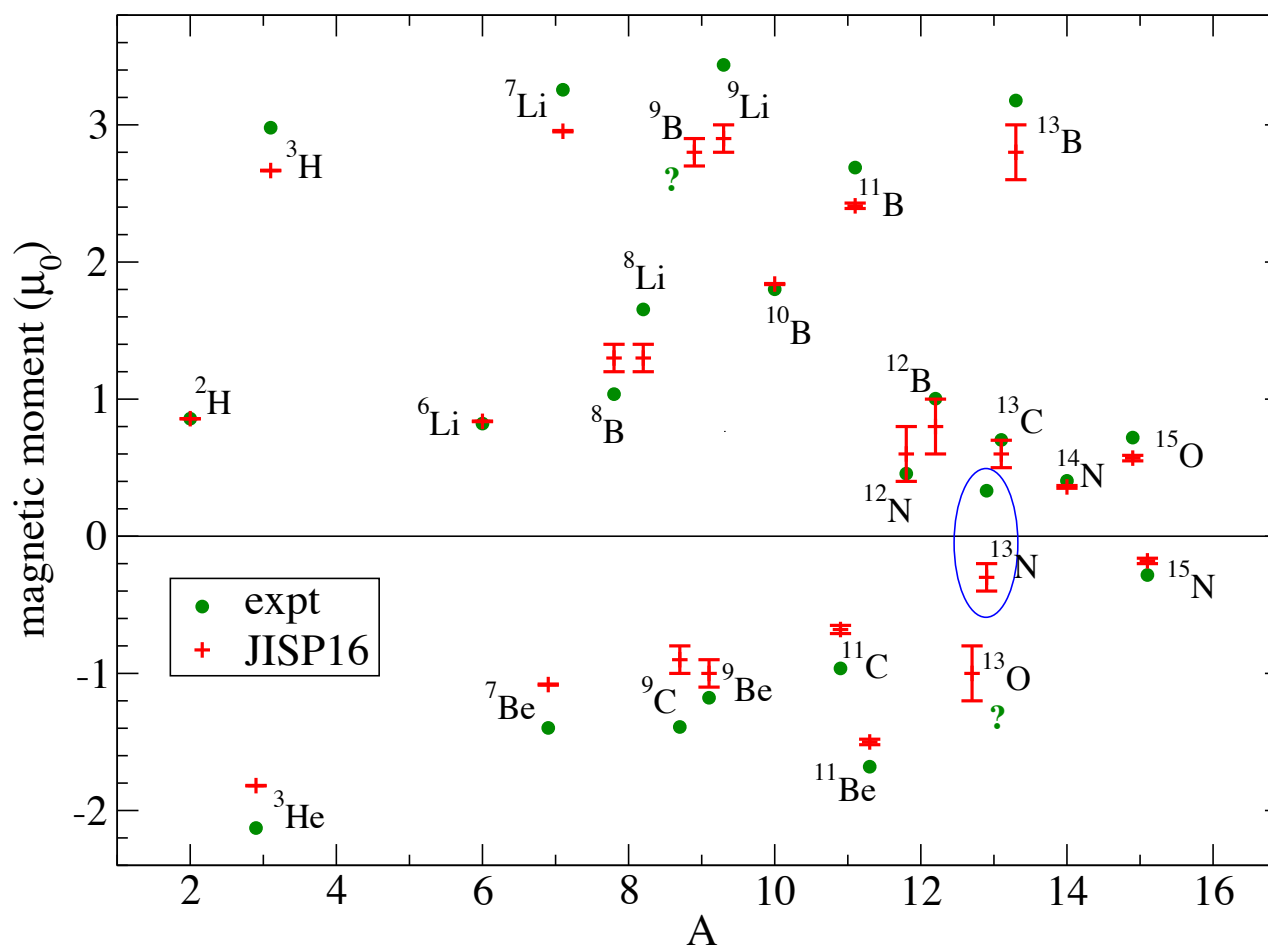
Shows that one neutron provides a “ring” cloud around two alpha clusters binding them together

C. Cockrell, J.P. Vary, P. Maris, Phys. Rev. C 86, 034325 (2012); arXiv:1201.0724;  
C. Cockrell, PhD, Iowa State University

# Ground state magnetic moments with JISP16

P. Maris and J.P. Vary, Int. J. Mod. Phys. E 22, 1330016 (2013)

$$\mu = \frac{1}{J+1} \left( \langle \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{L}_p \rangle + 5.586 \langle \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{S}_p \rangle - 3.826 \langle \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{S}_n \rangle \right) \mu_0$$



● Good agreement with data,  
given that we do not have any meson-exchange currents

# How good is *ab initio* theory for predicting large scale collective motion?

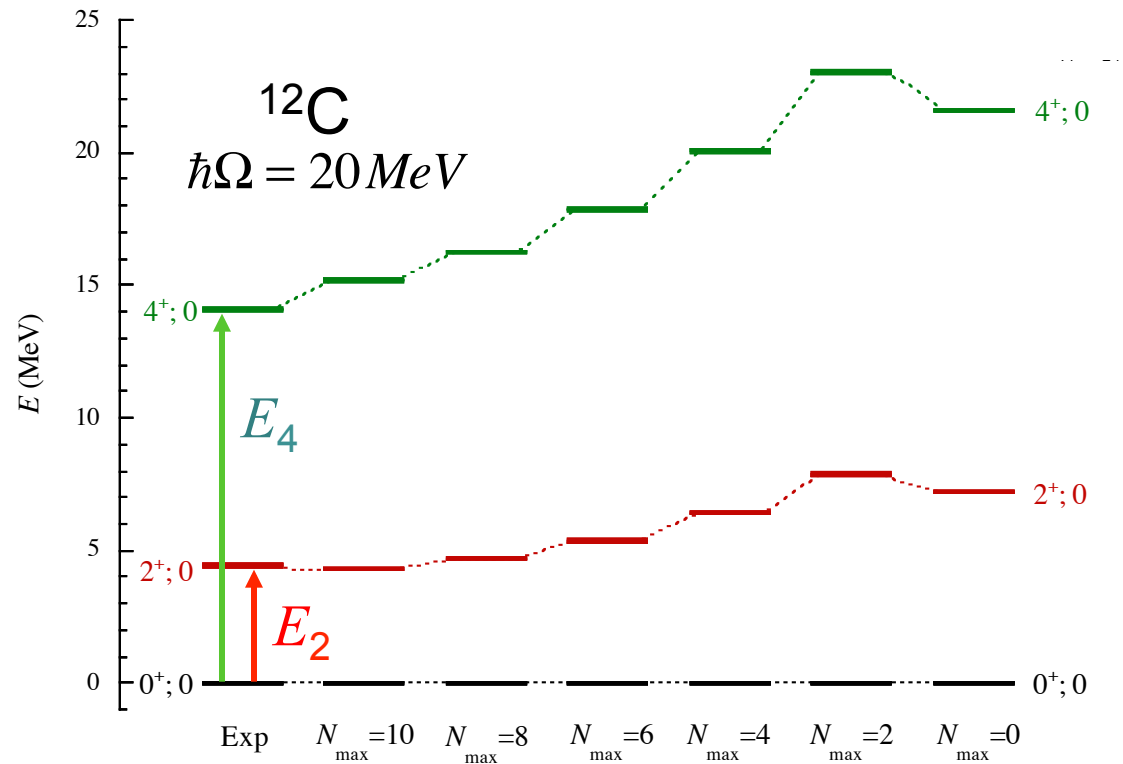
## Quantum rotator

$$E_J = \frac{\hat{J}^2}{2\mathbb{I}} = \frac{J(J+1)\hbar^2}{2\mathbb{I}}$$

$$\frac{E_4}{E_2} = \frac{20}{6} = 3.33$$

$$\text{Experiment} = 3.17$$

$$\text{Theory}(N_{\text{max}} = 10) = 3.54$$



Dimension =  $8 \times 10^9$

Extending the Reach of Ab Initio Applications:

Renormalization theory

Extrapolation theory

Physics-driven, theory-improved basis spaces

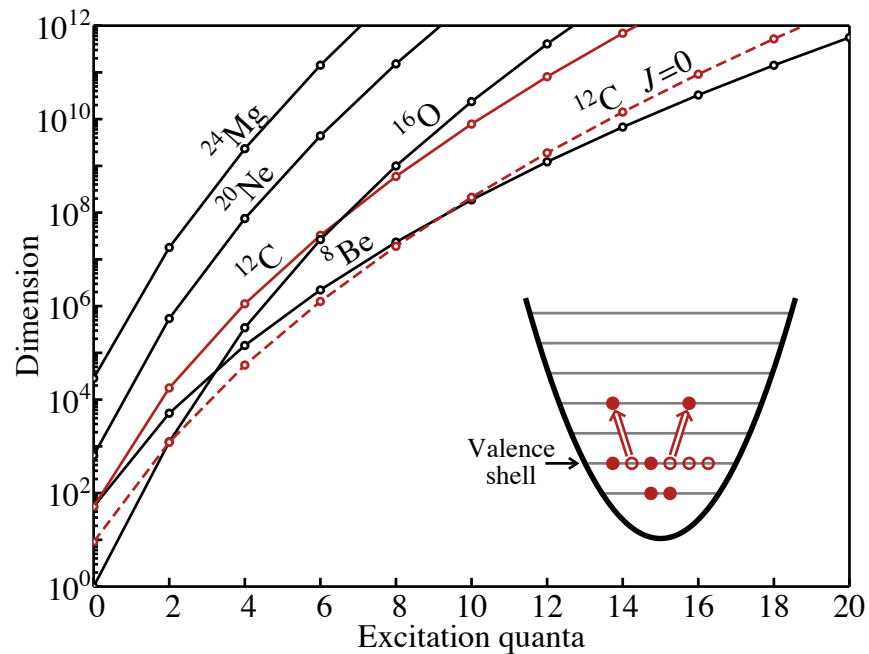
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Optimize our utilization of available algorithms and computational resources

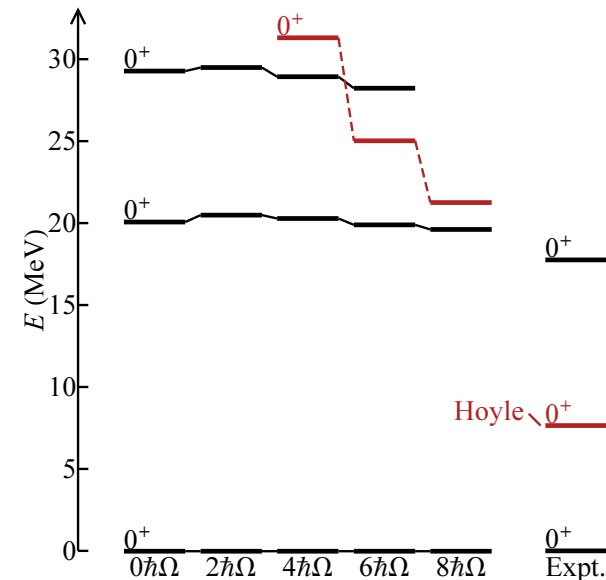
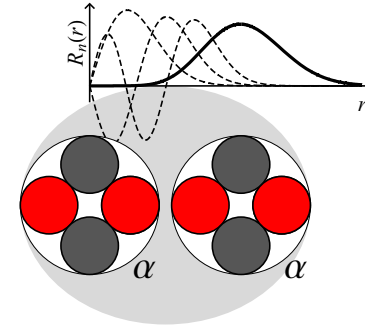
=> intense theoretical developments,  
increase in the multi-disciplinary character, . . .



# No-core shell model dimension



Cluster structure expected to require  $\sim 30\text{--}50\hbar\Omega$  of oscillator excitation, *e.g.*, for  $\alpha+\alpha+\alpha$  Hoyle state in  $^{12}\text{C}$ .



Calculations from T. Neff and H. Feldmeier, Eur. Phys. J. Special Topics **156**, 69 (2008).

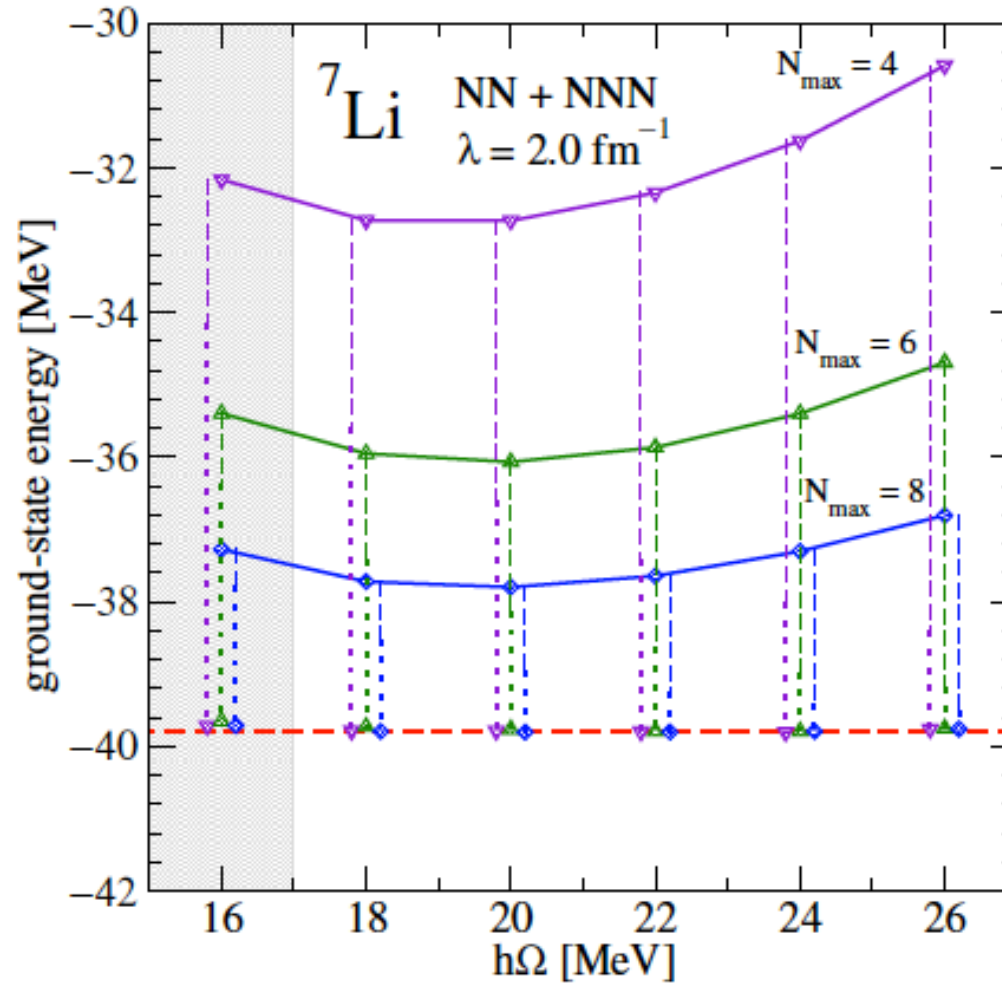


FIG. 17. (color online) Ground-state energy of  ${}^7\text{Li}$  for the NN+NNN evolved Hamiltonians at  $\lambda = 2.0 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ , with IR (vertical dashed) and UV (vertical dotted) corrections from Eq. (5) that add to predicted  $E_{\infty}$  values (points near the horizontal dashed line, which is the global  $E_{\infty}$ ).

E.D. Jurgenson, P. Maris, R.J. Furnstahl, P. Navratil, W.E. Ormand, J.P. Vary, Phys. Rev. C. 87, 054312 (2013); arXiv: 1302.5473

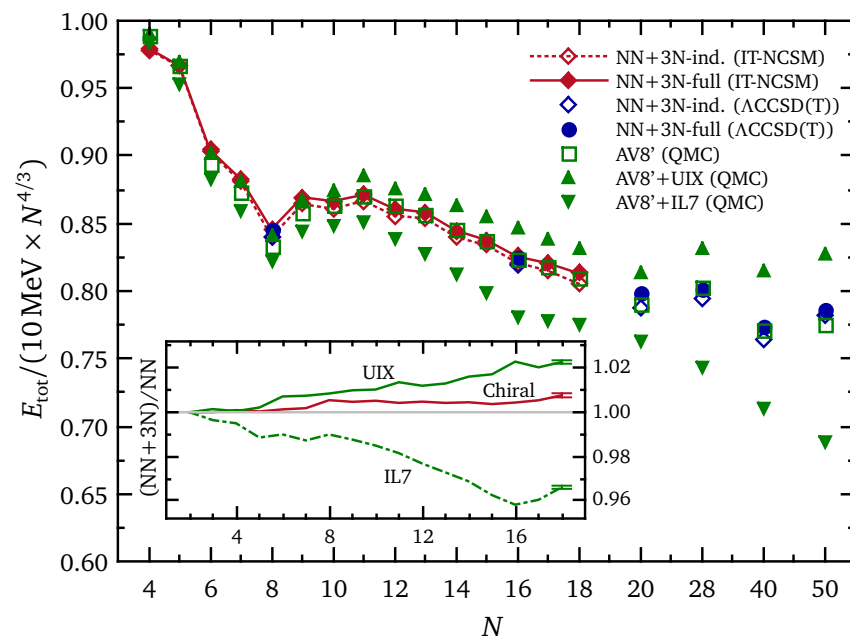
# Ab initio Extreme Neutron Matter

## Objectives

- Predict properties of neutron-rich systems which relate to exotic nuclei and nuclear astrophysics
- Determine how well high-precision phenomenological strong interactions compare with effective field theory based on QCD
- Produce accurate predictions with quantified uncertainties

## Impact

- Improve nuclear energy density functionals used in extensive applications such as fission calculations
- Demonstrate the predictive power of ab initio nuclear theory for exotic nuclei with quantified uncertainties
- Guide future experiments at DOE-sponsored rare isotope production facilities



Comparison of ground state energies of systems with  $N$  neutrons trapped in a harmonic oscillator with strength 10 MeV. Solid red diamonds and blue dots signify new results with two-nucleon (NN) plus three-nucleon (3N) interactions derived from chiral effective field theory related to QCD. Inset displays the ratio of NN+3N to NN alone for the different interactions. Note that with increasing  $N$ , the chiral predictions lie between results from different high-precision phenomenological interactions, i.e. between AV8'+UIX and AV8'+IL7.

## Accomplishments

1. Demonstrates predictive power of *ab initio* nuclear structure theory.
2. Provides results for next generation nuclear energy density functionals
3. Leads to improved predictions for astrophysical reactions
4. Demonstrates that the role of three-nucleon (3N) interactions in extreme neutron systems is significantly weaker than predicted from high-precision phenomenological interactions



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**References:** P. Maris, J.P. Vary, S. Gandolfi, J. Carlson, S.C. Pieper, Phys. Rev. C87, 054318 (2013); H. Potter, S. Fischer, P. Maris, J.P. Vary, S. Binder, J. Langhammer and R. Roth, in preparation; **Contact:** ivary@iastate.edu

## Next Generation Ab Initio Applications:

Electroweak processes

Beyond the Standard Model

Neutrinoless and neutrinoless double beta-decay

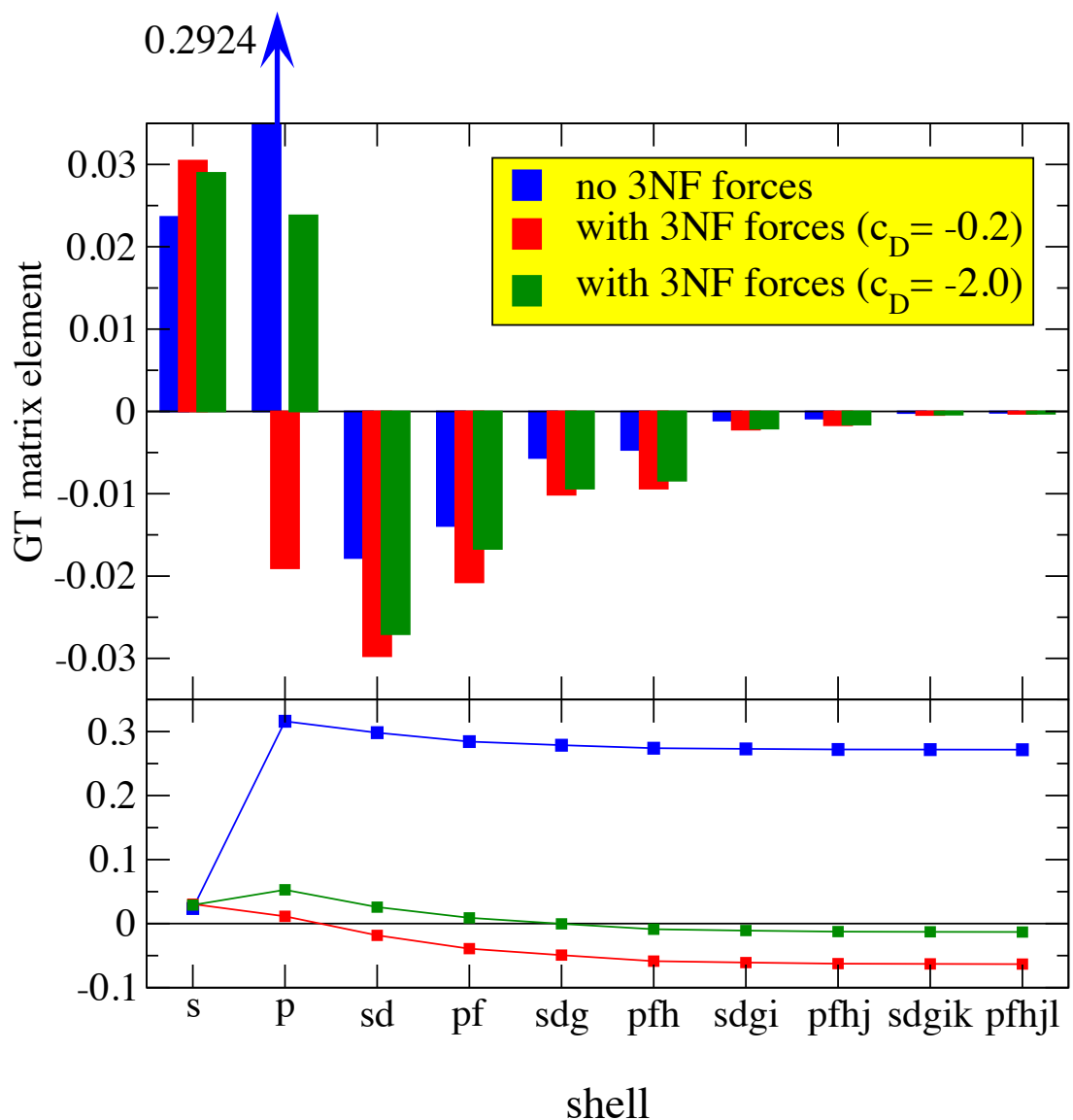
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Each puts major demands on theory, algorithms and computational resources

Growing demands => larger collaborating teams, growing computational resources,

Increase in the multi-disciplinary character, . . .

# Origin of the anomalously long life-time of $^{14}\text{C}$



● near-complete cancellations between dominant contributions within  $p$ -shell

● very sensitive to details

Maris, Vary, Navratil,  
Ormand, Nam, Dean,  
PRL106, 202502 (2011)

## Next Generation Systems and Resources

Moore's Law – Hardware

Moore's Law - Algorithms

Nuclear Theory's access to Systems and Computer Scientist Collaborators

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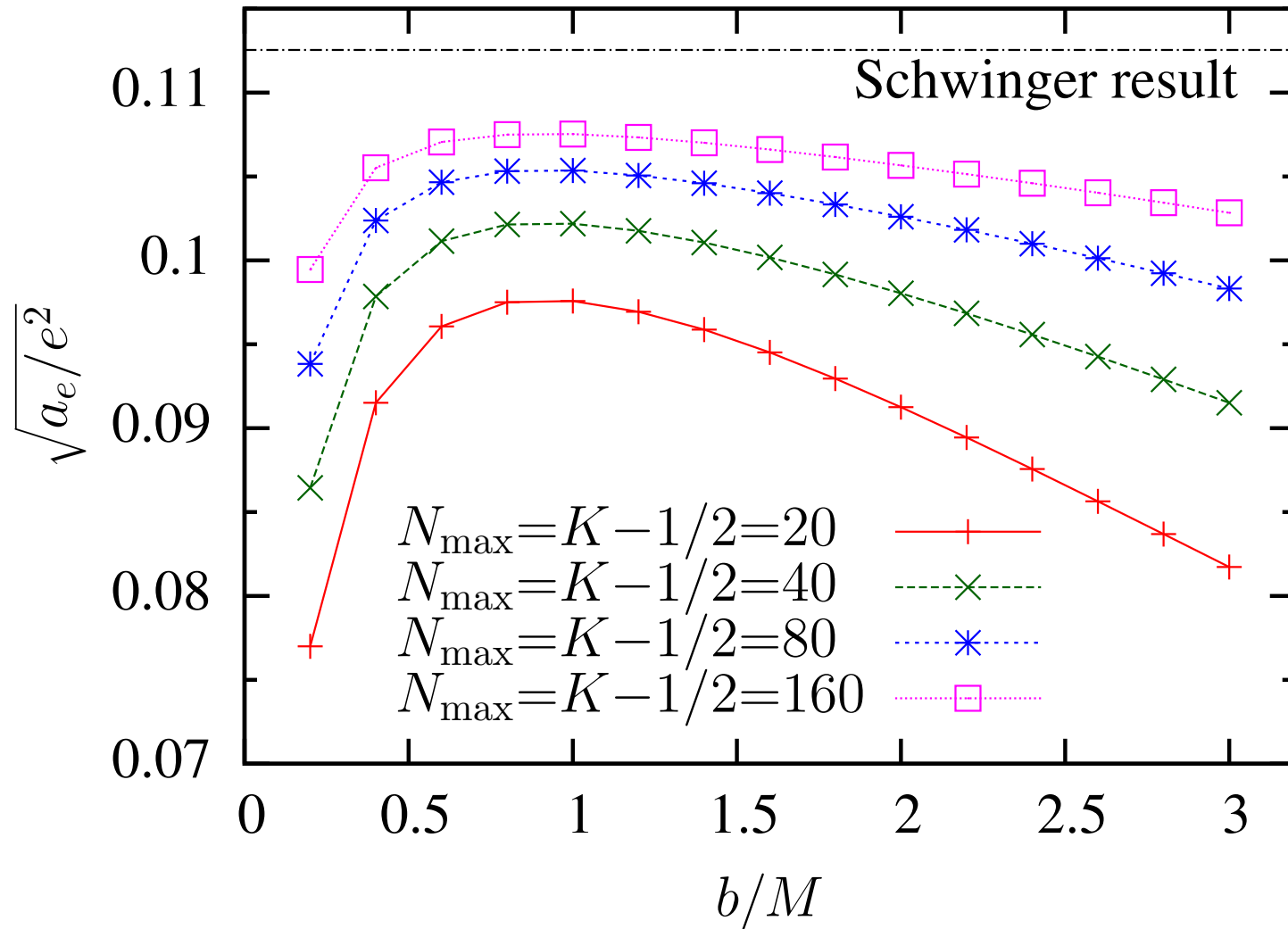
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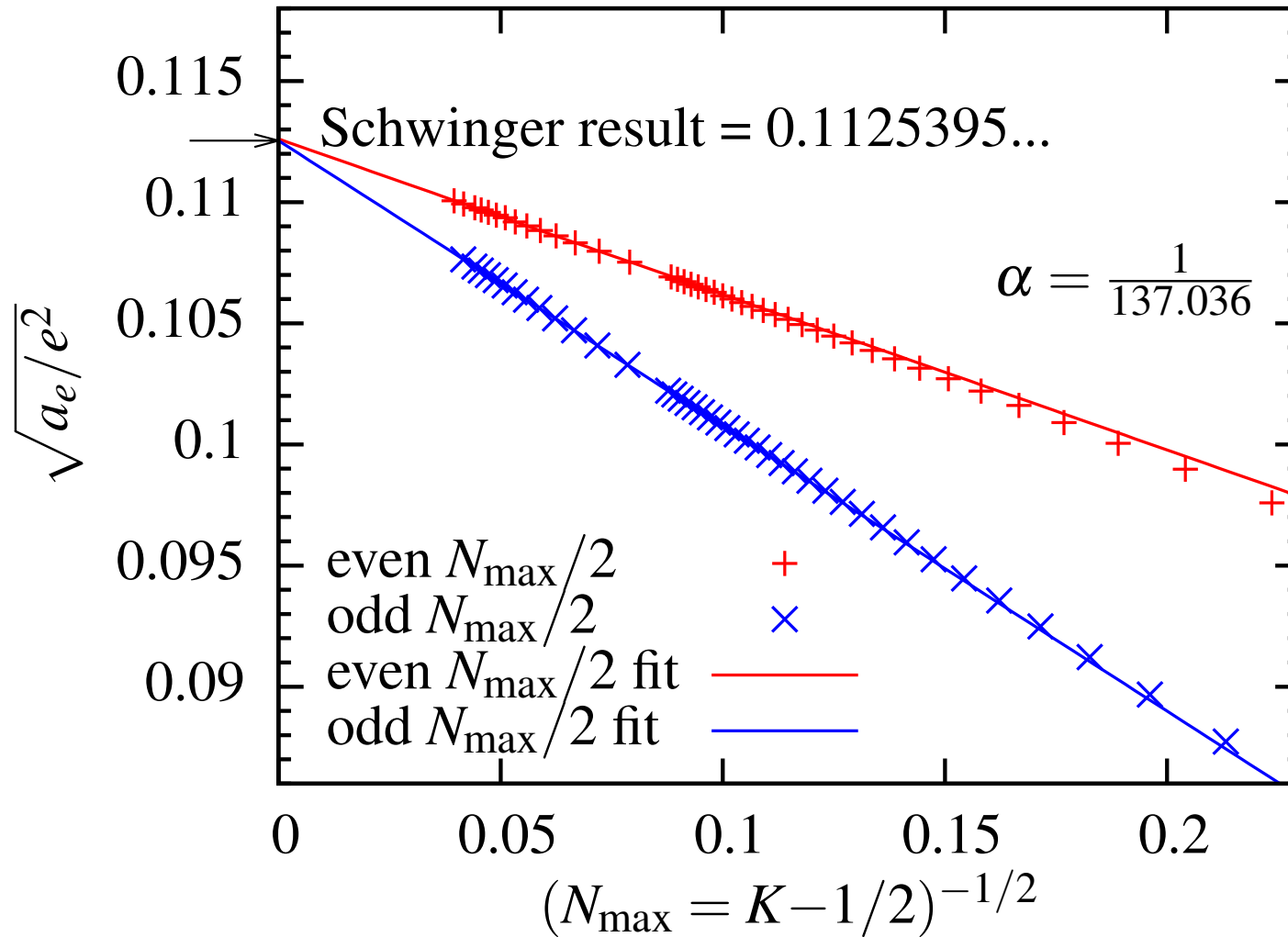
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Many recent insights obtained from ab initio NCSM/NCFC:

Collective modes in light nuclei accessible with ab initio approach

3NFs continue to play an important role in many observables

Neutron drop results show (sub)shell closures

IR and UV convergence in HO basis (Coon et al., Papenbrock et al.)

Alternative basis spaces poised to relieve IR shortcomings of HO basis

Alternative MB methods poised to access clustering, halo physics regions

Computer Science and Applied Math collaborations invaluable

Generous allocations of computer resources essential to progress

Many outstanding nuclear physics puzzles  
and discovery opportunities

Clustering phenomena  
Origin of the successful nuclear shell model  
Nuclear reactions and breakup  
Astrophysical r/p processes & drip lines  
Predictive theory of fission  
Existence/stability of superheavy nuclei  
Physics beyond the Standard Model  
Possible lepton number violation  
Spin content of the proton  
+ Many More!

## 6 Requirements Summary Worksheet

Please try to fill out this worksheet, based on your answers above, to the best of your ability prior to the review.

	Used at NERSC in 2013	Needed at NERSC in 2017
Computational Hours	27 (mostly Edison pre-acceptance usage)	72
Typical number of cores* used for production runs	From 5% to full machine	From 5% to full machine
Maximum number of cores* that can be used for production runs	Full machine	Full machine
Data read and written per run	< 1 TB	< 1 TB
Maximum I/O bandwidth	Not known	Not known
Percent of runtime for I/O	< 5%	< 5%
Scratch File System space	1 TB	3 TB
Shared <u>filesystem</u> space	2 TB	8 TB
Archival data	5 TB	50 TB
Memory per node	All available GB	Maximum possible GB
Aggregate memory	Full machine	Full machine